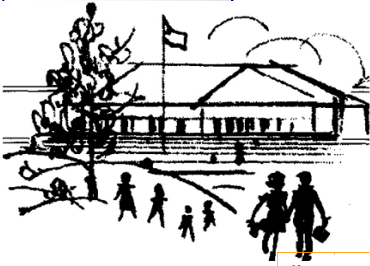


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# Graham County School News



*Graham County School Superintendent*

*Donna M. McGaughey*

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[www.graham.az.gov](http://www.graham.az.gov)

## Superintendent's Message

### Safford

Juliann Martins-DSS, Title 1  
Brittany Henry—DSS, 2nd  
Alicia Turner—DSS, 6th  
Brandi Snedden—DSS, SPED  
Nora Rogers—DSS, SPED  
Tricia Stone—DSS, SPED  
Hayleigh Mitchell—DSS, SPED  
Billie McBride—DSS, SPED  
Tiffany Haliford—DSS, SPED  
Charlene Maldonado-DSS, SPED  
Susan Sherwood—LNS, K  
Rhiannon Morales—LNS, 1st  
Lorrie Rodriguez—LNS, 1st  
Christie Smith—LNS, 6th  
Jennifer Shields—LNS, 6th  
Chrissy Windsor—LNS, SPED  
Heather Ward—LNS, SPED  
Anna Tucker—LNS, SPED  
Melissa Gauna—LNS, SPED  
Jolee Larrabee—RPS, 1st  
Kellee McKinney—RPS, 3rd  
Sasha Wiltbank—RPS, SPED  
Louie Tartaglia—SMS, APC  
Adreanna Dominguez-SMS SPED  
Christian Varnam—SMS, Band  
Sean Crockett—SHS, English  
Max Johnston—SHS, Science  
Christian Varnam—SHS Band  
Colleen Murphy—SHS English  
Tyler Blake—MGHS, History/Gov

### Thatcher

Cindy Hatch—JDPS, K  
Micah Mleynek—JDPS, K

### Thatcher continued

Nikki Yochum—TES, 4th  
Cindy Hunt—TES, 5th  
Lynaya Sanders—TES, 5th  
Clarissa Kincaid—TES, 6th  
Sherry Brady—TMS, Spanish  
Jaiden Watson—TMS, English  
Sarah McDougal—TMS, Science  
Bailey Frantz—TMS, Social Studies  
Stephanie Unger—Counselor  
James Hicklin—THS, Assistant Principal AD  
Jessica Pruszyński—HS English  
Kristian Burkett—MS/HS Boys PE

### Pima

Melinda Lamoreaux—PES, K  
Robyn Willis—PES, 3rd ELA  
Brendon Bryant—PES, 3rd Math  
LaDawn Click—PES, 4th Math  
Tylee Cabrera—PES 5/6 Soc. Studies  
Jodie Martin—PES, 5/6 Science  
Diana Palmer—Jr. High, Science  
Liz McCray—PHS, Science  
Jerry Brown—PHS Woods  
Eric Richards—PHS, Welding

### Fort Thomas

Lori Christensen—FES, 6th  
Kristina Ryan—SPED  
Michael Martin—MTE, 5/6 ELA  
Sam Diaz—FTJHS, 7/8 Science  
Macyn Hawkins—FTJHS, 7/8 Math  
Lorrie Reid—Guidance Counselor  
Terry Williams—FTHS Carpentry  
Kristen Abalos—MTE Full-time sub

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Hours: Monday—Thursday  
7:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.

Closed Fridays

### Bonita

Jaime Crothers, 1st  
Dan Crothers, Science

### Discovery Plus

No new teachers

### Solomon

No new teachers

### Dan Hinton

No new teachers

### Triumphant Learning Center

No new teachers

## Welcome!

Graham County Schools will begin the 2019-2020 school year over the next week. New teachers have been hired, classrooms have been put together to welcome our students, and support staff have been very busy behind the scenes attending to the unbelievable amount of work that goes into running a school. Transportation has the buses tuned up and the school grounds are being prepped in anticipation of thousands of students streaming onto them. Maintenance crews are extra busy moving furniture, attending to the grounds, cleaning, painting and the list goes on and on. Secretaries and office staff members are working with the public, cleaning up files, assisting all teachers and multi-tasking like champions. Thank them when you see them! Support staff keep the wheels turning.

Please join me in welcoming all new teachers and support staff members as well as our returning school employees.

They do super-hero work on a daily basis.

*If a doctor, lawyer, or dentist had 40 people in his office at one time, all of whom had different needs, and some of whom didn't want to be there and were causing trouble, and the doctor, lawyer, or dentist, without assistance, had to treat them all with professional excellence for nine months, then he might have some conception of the classroom teacher's job. ~Donald D. Quinn*

### Graham/Greenlee New Teacher Coalition

I am pleased to announce we will be kicking off the third year of our "Supporting and Sustaining Teachers" project. With generous funding from the United Way of Graham and Greenlee Counties, and support from our business community, we are able to invite educators to participate in the *New Teacher Coalition*. The sessions will be offered six times throughout the year beginning in Sept. We provide materials to assist with classroom management, integrating technology and best practices, understanding grant writing processes, etc. The business community is providing tokens of appreciation and information on real estate, loan forgiveness, and other support. Ultimately, 40-50 new teachers in our two counties will find a whole network of support from within their own districts as well as from other teachers and the county offices. We want to attract and retain the best educators for our students, and our work with the coalition goes a long way toward reaching this goal. If you are new to the profession, a long-term sub, new to your school and/or Graham and Greenlee, you are invited to attend!! Save these dates!

**Schedule: Sept. 11th, Oct. 9th, Nov. 13th, Dec. 11th, Jan. 8th, Feb. 12th**

All meetings will be held on Wednesdays in the General Services Building Assembly Room, from 4:30—6:00. We are meeting a little later to accommodate all schedules.

## **Keeping young children active and encouraging outdoor play boosts learning**

Recently, the American Academy of Pediatrics suggested doctors start prescribing play for young children. “Play supports the formation of the safe, stable, and nurturing relationships with all caregivers that children need to thrive,” the report said.

**S**ummer is a perfect opportunity to incorporate some outdoor activities that allow toddlers and preschoolers to spend time outside exercising their bodies and minds.

Play in an outdoor, natural environment helps engage a young child’s senses. First Things First reminds families that a nature trip doesn’t have to be a far-off place, it could be a neighborhood park or local splash pads. Here are a few activities to get you started:

- Go on a nature scavenger hunt - think of things you might see while outside then use the list to collect items as you walk.
- Show your child how to explore the forest floor or grassy lawn.
- Point out bugs.
- Talk about what you see, hear and smell.
- Observe patterns in a stream or rainbows made by splashing water.
- Have a meal outside.

Parents are also encouraged to allow their child some time for free play, where the child chooses what activities to do that will allow their imagination and creativity to take over.

For more ways on how parents can support their little one’s development and learning through play watch FTF’s short video at <http://bit.ly/FTFplay>.

Use the information above to find some time to get outdoors with your infants, toddlers and preschoolers, so they can learn, grow and thrive.

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**About First Things First** – First Things First is a voter-created, statewide organization that funds early education and health programs to help kids be successful once they enter kindergarten. Decisions about how those funds are spent are made by local councils staffed by community volunteers. To learn more, visit [FirstThingsFirst.org](http://FirstThingsFirst.org).

**READY FOR SCHOOL. SET FOR LIFE.**

## Look what the good folks at E.A.S.I. have planned for you!



All teachers who teach STEM subjects are invited to join the Eastern Arizona Science Initiative, known as E.A.S.I. They have a wonderful slate of camps, professional development and meetings planned. This is the schedule, subject to slight changes, but use this to plan ahead.

**Please let your fellow teachers know about the wonderful opportunities gained by joining E.A.S.I.! It's easy!**

### 2019 EASI Camps and Events Calendar:

**Monthly Meetings – DPC Ranch House 4:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.** *(generally the second Wednesday of each month)*

Wed. Aug. 14, 2019  
Wed. Sept. 11, 2019  
Wed. Oct. 9, 2019  
Wed. Nov. 13, 2019  
Wed. Dec. 11, 2019

Contact Jackie Madsen at [Jackie.madsen@eac.edu](mailto:Jackie.madsen@eac.edu)

Or call the EAC Discovery Park Campus at

928-428-6260





## Special Education Leader Scholar Communities (SELSC)

### Doctoral Leadership Grant Opportunity

Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College (MLFTC), at Arizona State University (ASU) has been awarded funding from the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) for a project entitled, **Special Education Leader Scholar Communities** (SELSC), a grant to prepare leaders in special education through a four-year doctoral program (Ed.D). This cohort of 8 talented special education leaders will begin the program in January 2020, with recruitment starting during the summer of 2019. The grant will cover participant costs with full tuition, a small stipend, materials, and travel. Applicants must have a Masters' degree in special education or a related field, appropriate special education licensure (teacher or related service provider), and agree to continue working in an area of special education leadership for 2 years for every year of grant support (a total of 8 years). With courses offered in a flexible format both online and on weekends, participants maintain their current employment and conduct an action research dissertation related to a significant problem of practice in their area of employment.

SELSC will increase the number of doctoral-level special education leaders who are prepared to administer programs that create conditions for improving outcomes of high-need students with disabilities and prepare leaders who are skilled in disseminating evidence-based knowledge and results to school professionals, educational leaders, and policy makers. This grant responds to a critical need to prepare doctoral level special education leaders to meet the demands of school populations with highly diverse students. SELSC will prepare personnel for leadership positions such as local education agency (LEA) special education directors, school-based special education directors, and public and private agency directors who serve individuals with disabilities and their families. The program will provide future leaders with the knowledge, skills, and strategies needed to address the development, delivery, and sustainability of evidence-based interventions (EBIs) that promote literacy development, literacy skills, and other skills critical for college and today's careers that improve outcomes for students with disabilities in high-need, culturally diverse schools.

SELSC fellows will have the opportunity to affect meaningful change in their area(s) of influence. They will achieve their goals through meaningful research, guided by general and special faculty in an award-winning Ed.D. program, while retaining or advancing in their professional position, and while developing a career path in leadership and innovation. As a result, the special education leadership community served by ASU will have greatly increased its capacity to improve services for individuals with disabilities.

SELSC application period is June-October 2019. For more information, contact [gradeducation@asu.edu](mailto:gradeducation@asu.edu) or 602-543-3434



## ECONOMIC GRAPHING FOR NEWBIES

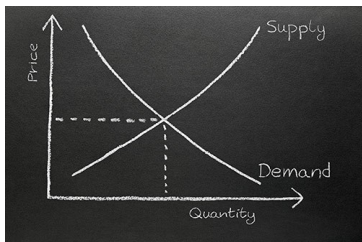
**LAPTOP - PLEASE BRING A LAPTOP IF YOU HAVE ONE!**

Saturday, August 10, 2019

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

University of Arizona, McClelland Hall

1130 East Helen Street, Tucson, Arizona 85721



Graphing can be a bit intimidating for teachers new to economics. This half-day program will give you the tools and confidence to help your students master the production possibilities curve and the laws of supply and demand in the product market.

This workshop is most useful to 5th grade through high school teachers of social studies, economics, and math.

The program includes:

- A certificate for 3.5 professional development hours
  - Breakfast (sign-in and breakfast 8:00-8:30)
  - All materials
  -

There is no fee for this program, but you must preregister.

[REGISTER](#)



**A PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP FOR  
MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS  
TEACHING THE NEW PERSONAL FINANCE STANDARDS**

A half-day professional development workshop

**Sierra Vista**

Saturday, September 28, 2019

8:30 a.m. - Noon

This no-cost half-day workshop will focus on interactive teaching of personal finance.

Attendees will engage in hands-on game-structured lessons related to credit scores, insurance, and budgeting, that they can replicate in their classrooms. These classroom tested lessons add fun to the teacher's day and sticking power to the lesson content.

A digital file containing all workshop materials will be shared with participants. We will provide breakfast for all, and a mileage stipend for those traveling more than 35 miles to the workshop. The workshop is aligned with the new Arizona History and Social Science Standards.

Participants will receive a UA certificate for 3.5 hours of professional development.

**Pre-Service teachers are also welcome and encouraged to attend!**

There is *no fee* for this program, but you must pre-register

**Register online at:**

<https://tinyurl.com/ua-oe>

*and scroll down*

Workshop Location:

UA South, Building C

1140 Colombo Ave, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635

**A program of the UA Office of Economic Education, in Cooperation with the Cochise County Superintendent of Schools, Cochise County ESA, and UA South, with funding from the Thomas R. Brown Foundation**



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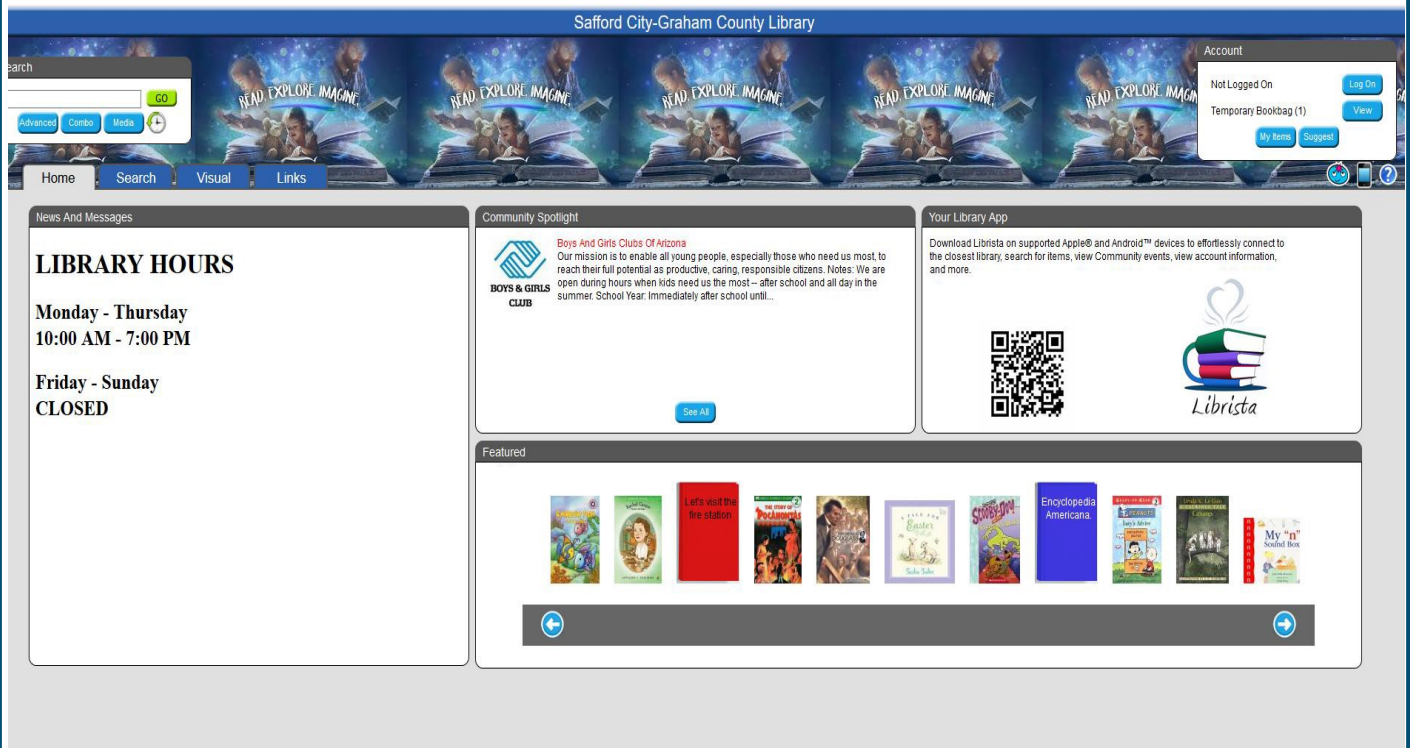


# WHAT'S NEW AT THE SAFFORD CITY—GRAHAM COUNTY LIBRARY!

## Atrium from Book Systems

The Safford Library is excited to announce our new and improved library system. A whole new package of awesome features and a more visual, user-friendly layout, Atrium includes:

- ◇ Online registration for library cards.
- ◇ Online reservation and renewal of items.
- ◇ One-stop searching for books, DVDs, audiobooks and eBooks.
- ◇ In-depth info on books, including cover images, table of contents, author notes, summaries and publisher reviews.
- ◇ Patron-friendly browsing. Search by your interests, recent additions, award winners and type of material (including DVDs and eBooks).
- ◇ Adding of items to your personal Bookbag to remember for future checkout.
- ◇ Community Spotlight on upcoming library events.







## **The Safford City-Graham County Library offers amazing resources for teachers and students at no cost!**

**Library Cards** Residents of Graham and Greenlee county are eligible for a free library card. Children under 18 must have a parent's or legal guardian's permission to get a library card.

**Library Tours and ScienceCity Field Trips** Library tours are available for classes with at least 2 weeks' notice. For more information, write to Victoria Silva at [vsilva@saffordaz.gov](mailto:vsilva@saffordaz.gov). A limited number of hands-on ScienceCity field trips are available to K-6<sup>th</sup> classes visiting the library. For more information, write to Lesley Talley at [ltalley@saffordaz.gov](mailto:ltalley@saffordaz.gov).

**Online Tutoring** Live, online tutoring for students in kindergarten through college is available daily from 2pm till midnight through Tutor.com on the library's website. Tutor.com is free to all students in Graham and Greenlee counties thanks to support from the Safford Library, the Greenlee County Library District and the United Way of Graham County.

### **Online Classes - Universal Class**

Over 500 free online classes are available to library card holders. Courses include computer skills and teacher related courses for CEU credit. Remember, the classes are free **ONLY** if accessed through the library's website.

### **Language Learning - Mango Languages**

User-friendly language learning is available for over 70 languages through Mango Languages. It includes 11 ESL options for those who are learning English. Remember, the classes are free **ONLY** if accessed through the library's website.

### **Academic Databases**

Information-packed online databases from Gale and Britannica are available for elementary through high-school age children. With vetted information, no pop-up ads and clear citations, they offer a great research tool for students.

### **Tumblebooks, eBooks and downloadable audiobooks**

Digital versions of many popular books for young children through teens are available through the library website. Tumblebooks targets younger children with colorful picture books and simple chapter books. Our eBook and downloadable audiobook collections include titles for tweens and teens.

### **Dolly Parton's Imagination Library**

Thanks to funding from Arizona First Things First, all children in Graham and Greenlee counties are eligible to receive free books mailed to their home from birth until their 5<sup>th</sup> birthday. These high-quality books are theirs to keep and build their own home library.

### **Books, DVDs and Audiobooks**

With approximately 45,000 items on the shelves, the library is sure to have something for you or your students. From picture books and children's audiobooks to nonfiction books and DVDs, we have great resources to support you in the classroom.

**For more information or for a teacher tour/training, call 432-4165.**

## Feel Better with Student Loan Financial Planning

### Your financial wellness matters to us!

We now offer the voluntary Loan Relief™ benefit from Fiducius, so you can take control of your student loans, put more money in your pocket and focus on what really matters to you.

#### New Low Payment & New House

"When I first got the email through my school district, I wondered, 'Why hasn't anyone told me about this before?' When I told them I was trying to buy a house, they even wrote a letter to my mortgage company helping them understand this program and how much I was saving. They're always on top of everything, and now I'm saving money on my monthly student loan payments and have a new house too!"

► David Wells Teacher

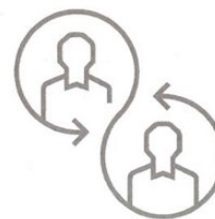


### It's Easy to Get Started with Loan Relief™ Benefit

Let the student loan experts at Fiducius get to work for you:

- 1 **Assess** – learn about your personal financial situation and goals
- 2 **Advise** – identify the best option to solve your student loan issue
- 3 **Relieve** – provide a customized Student Loan Financial Wellness Plan

The custom plan is yours at no cost. Then, decide to hire Fiducius (fees apply), or pursue the plan on your own. It's up to you.



Visit <https://aacss-graham.myfiducius.com/register>

Register with code **GRAHAM** & learn how much you could save in a few minutes.



## Prepare Your Students for Real-World STEM with Dig Into Mining

In today's global economy, STEM skills are critical to success. Help your students prepare for the future job market with [Dig Into Mining: The Story of Copper](#). Our varied classroom resources are designed to ignite a sense of curiosity and exploration in your 6th - 12th grade students, while teaching and testing standards-aligned topics in STEM.

EXPLORE NOW

With relevant examples from today's copper industry, Dig Into Mining's educator tools make it easy to connect classroom learning to real-world STEM applications. For example, students can:

[Investigate](#) the patterns of natural resources around the globe

[Explore](#) how copper is used in electronic and hybrid vehicles

[Utilize](#) proportional relationships to determine the economic feasibility of a mine site

[Research](#) how microorganisms are used in the wastewater treatment process

[Identify](#) the physical boundaries of a mine using satellite geoimages

... and much more!

Discover more classroom extensions and teacher resources [here](#).

Extend the learning further with our exclusive [Dig Into Mining Virtual Field Trips](#). Stream on demand to give your students a behind-the-scenes look at a working copper mine and hear from Freeport-McMoRan professionals as they guide you through the mining process from planning to reclamation.

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Follow [@DiscoveryEd](#) on Twitter and join the conversation using #DigIntoMining.





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## Resources and Opportunities August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019

**Have a wonderful start to the 2019-2020 school year!**

As we enter another school year, and have had the privilege to meet a ton of new teachers, here is a short lesson on how to use the AzGA website (to reduce your frustration generally with finding things on-line).

The purpose of the Arizona Geographic Alliance (AzGA) is to strengthen geography education in Arizona. **AzGA does this by providing high quality materials and professional development to teachers. You can find us at <http://geoalliance.asu.edu>**  
**Here is a quick guide on how to tour the website to find things.**

FOR LESSONS -- On the right-hand side of the screen look under the sections titled:

[GeoLiteracy](#) Lessons (geography and language arts)

[GeoSTEM](#) Lessons (geography and science, technology, engineering and (mostly) mathematics)

[GeoHistory](#) Lessons (geography and history)

[Legacy Project](#) Lessons (organized for the Arizona Centennial to teach Arizona history with geography. Perfect for fourth grade teachers.)

[Geography & Diverse Learners \(ELLs\)](#) (all of our geography lessons that have had ELL adaptations added to them.)

[Giant Map Activities](#) (activities, materials and lessons that may be used with the Giant Traveling Map of Arizona -- this is NOT the main page for the program).

**All the sections may be sorted by GRADE LEVEL.**

### Special Sections

[Interpreting Primary Sources with a Geographic Lens](#) – Tools to help you interpret primary sources by “thinking like a geographer”. Besides the guide on how to use these tools, there are the analysis question sets and student worksheets for

Audio Visual Documents Images Maps Political Cartoons

[AzGA on Facebook](#) – Postings on FB are cool maps, job opportunities, event opportunities, and things we think you might be interested in that are current, have a short deadline time, might be a good example to demonstrate geographic thinking, or are a geo-tool. Usually not repeated in the newsletters. If you do FB, please join us - <https://www.facebook.com/geoalliance/>.

[Become a Member](#) – Tell your friends! This is how you get on our list serve. You can stop AzGA emails anytime by requesting it at [azga@asu.edu](mailto:azga@asu.edu).

[Giant Traveling Map Program](#) – A short description of the program

Where to get trained to be certified to borrow the map – [Upcoming events](#)

Where the map has been – **Storymap** <http://arcg.is/2mBhXpg>

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How to borrow the map –

[booking availability calendar \(if the calendar day is empty, all maps are available for checkout\)](#)

[borrower request form](#) [frequently asked questions](#)

Rules of use and other important information.

AZGA has six maps created by National Geographic that we are lending at no charge to educators. You must be certified to borrow the map and trunk of accessories. Certification opportunities are coming up soon!

**Tabs across the top of the page include**

[Search](#) the site

- Resources - links to sites you might find useful. (If you check these out and find something that doesn't work, please let us know!)
- Geographic Bee - Info on this year's Bee, links to useful sites, and when it is available, information for next year's Bee will be posted here

Virtual Workshops – Short videos on Classroom Applications, and Geographic tutorials and resources. Careers in Geography are coming soon!

**Maps - Sections include World, Regions, Countries, US & SW US, Arizona, Historical, Maps designed for Grades 1-4**

**When you click on Grades 1-4 you will see a line [Human and Physical Maps](#). Click on it to get a group of maps created to meet POs for grades 1-4.**

## GeoConference: Almost FREE\*\*

*\*\* Please note: Due to a change in Eventbrite policies, we can no longer refund the full amount of your deposit. Eventbrite is keeping fees they charge, and they cannot be refunded. Therefore, any future events will now have a very small fee ranging from \$2.50-5 depending on ticket prices. This event will have a fee of about \$3.39. If you attend our event the deposit minus the fees will be refunded. If you do not attend, your deposit will be kept. We apologize that we can no longer provide fully free events.*

**When: Saturday, September 21, 2019 8:00 am - 3:30 pm**

Where: Scottsdale Community College, 9000 E Chaparral Rd, Scottsdale, AZ

**Cost:** Free except for Eventbrite required fees, see the note above for explanation. You must register and pay a \$30 deposit. If you attend, the deposit (minus Eventbrite fees) will be refunded. If you do not attend, we will keep the deposit. Cancellations must be made by 9/08/2018 to have your deposit returned.

Deadline for registration: **Friday 9/06/2019** Pre-registration, on-line, is required.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/geoconference-2019-tickets-66939354411>

What can I expect from GeoConference?

GeoConference offers concurrent sessions featuring:

- Demonstrations of elementary & secondary level lessons that you can teach the next day.

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- Hands-on lessons that integrate geography with STEM, history, language arts and more.
- Geography content lectures.
- Lessons that include strategies for teaching English Language Learners and other diverse populations.
- Lunch, Door Prizes, and Free Materials

6.5 professional development hours and a few surprises!

**Register here:** <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/geoconference-2019-tickets-66939354411>

### **DOGSTAILS: An Introduction to Map Reading**

Description: In this lesson, students will learn 9 essential elements for interpreting and creating maps.

Author: Gale Ekiss and Mary Ann Polve

Grade Range: 6-8

Duration: 1 class period

<https://geoalliance.asu.edu/dogstails>

### **GeoBee - Join the Ultimate Geography Competition for Grades 4-8!**

Registration opened today for the 2019-2020 National Geographic GeoBee! Register your school-grades 4-8 for the annual competition that inspires and rewards students' curiosity about the world. Registration includes study resources for your class, participation and school champion certificates, and more than 400 exciting GeoBee questions to quiz your students about geography, cultures, physical features, history, earth science, and more! Register today at <http://www.natgeobee.org/>

### **GeoChallenge - Want a project-based learning challenge for your students?**

Bring project-based learning to your classroom through the National Geographic GeoChallenge! This annual standards-based competition empowers student teams in grades 5-8 to address a critical issue and change the planet, just like a National Geographic Explorer. This year's theme is Tackling Plastic. Register today at: <https://www.nationalgeographic.org/education/programs/geochallenge/>

### **Free Teaching Guide: Bureau of Land Management**

The U.S. Department of Interior's Bureau of Land Management's latest teaching guide provides middle school teachers with three activities to explore conflict and collaboration between emigrants and American Indians and trace historic trails. ([Read more](#))





Hey fourth graders! See America's natural wonders and historic sites for free.

## Parents and guardians

Stay close to home, or travel somewhere new. This year's the perfect time for an unforgettable outing.

[Learn more](#)

## Fourth graders

This is for you! Explore ancient dwellings. See a waterfall taller than a building.

[Get your pass](#)

## Educators

Get passes, download our activity, or plan a life-changing field trip for your fourth-grade students. [More Info](#)

## Every Kid in a Park

You and your family get free access to hundreds of parks, lands, and waters for an entire year. [How it works](#)



@everykidinapark

## **STEM Field Trip Days**

The Arizona Diamondbacks also host STEM Field Trip Days which allow students to engage in STEM-related activities throughout the ballpark.

STEM Field Trip Days have educational programming highlighted by the D-backs Science of Baseball Show that teaches the math and science behind baseball.

As an additional benefit, each student/teacher/chaperone in attendance will receive TWO TICKETS to attend a future Dbacks home game. Tickets will be mailed to your school after the field trip. For more information visit [dbacks.com/education](http://dbacks.com/education).

For more information about these programs, contact the Arizona Diamondbacks Community Affairs department at [dbacksfoundation@dbacks.com](mailto:dbacksfoundation@dbacks.com).

## **PCM-G is Supporting STEM Teachers Who Need Technology. You Can Help!**

### **How it Works**

Four times per year, PCM-G will feature three teachers on their website. Each teacher is eligible to receive a \$2,000 classroom grant. That's where you come in. [Click here](#) to vote for the teacher you believe is most deserving. The winning teacher will be awarded the \$2,000 grant and automatically entered in the final \$10,000 Grand Technology Prize round. Each of the remaining teachers will receive \$600 to use towards classroom supplies.

The 12 finalists were selected based on the strength of their individual proposals and teach at schools in need of technology for their students.

Do you want to help support even more STEM teachers nationwide? [Check out the AdoptAClassroom.org STEM Fund](#)

### **2019 Arts Education Partnership Annual Convening**

Sept. 11-12, 2019 | Alexandria, VA

AEP Annual Convenings explore the latest research, innovative practices and emerging policy approaches to actively support the role and contribution of the arts in preparing all students for success. From panel discussions and keynote remarks to concurrent sessions and networking opportunities, this event provides attendees with knowledge and tools for advancing their work and building broader and stronger connections for the arts in education communities.

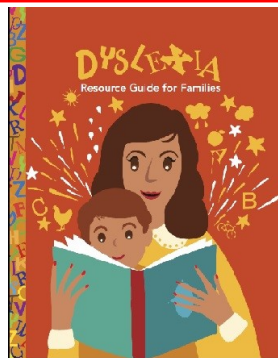
[Click here to learn more](#)   [Click here for the conference agenda](#)

### **National VSA Intersections: Arts and Special Education Conference**

October 25-28, 2019 | Irvine, CA

The 2019 National Conference, hosted in partnership with the Orange County Department of Education, will take place in Irvine, CA, and is the first VSA Intersections conference to take place at its new time of year. This smaller version of the national conference will offer practitioners more opportunity to engage with arts and special education content.

[Click here to learn more](#)



## Dyslexia Resource Guide for Families Now Available!

Download and share the Dyslexia Resource Guide for Families, a new, parent-friendly resource for families with children 0-12 who want to learn more about dyslexia, what dyslexia might look like in their child and what they can do to support their child if they have dyslexia. [Download the free pdf here.](#)

Read On Arizona extends our sincere appreciation to The Burton Family Foundation for its generous support of the printing and outreach of the *Dyslexia Resource Guide for Families*.

## Crayola ColorCycle Program

Crayola and schools across North America are banding together to help kids understand the importance of their role in protecting the environment. That's why we launched **Crayola ColorCycle**. Through this initiative, students in K-12 schools across the continental United States and parts of Canada can collect and repurpose used Crayola markers. ColorCycle is also a great opportunity for teachers and their students to explore eco-friendly practices. Specially developed standards-based lesson plans are available to enrich instruction and promote lively class discussions.

alzheimer's association

**Monthly Workshop Location: Graham County Health Department Annex Building—Upstairs**

**820 W. Main Street Safford, AZ 85546**

**12:00 noon—1:00 p.m.**

**Bring your lunch and join us for information and education on Dementia/Alzheimer's/Memory Loss.**

**Tuesday, August 13, 2019; December 10, 2019**

***Know the 10 Signs: Early Detection Matters***

This interactive workshop helps participants to learn the 10 warning signs of Alzheimer's disease and the importance of early detection. We will separate myth from reality and address commonly-held fears about Alzheimer's.

**Tuesday, September 10, 2019; January 14, 2020**

***Understanding and Responding to Dementia-Related Behavior***

Join us to learn to decode behavioral messages, identify common behavior triggers, and learn strategies to help intervene with some of the most common behavioral challenges of Alzheimer's disease. Caregivers./Care partners welcome.

**Tuesday, October 8, 2019; February 11, 2020**

***Understanding Alzheimer's Disease***

Alzheimer's Disease is not a normal part of aging. If you or someone you know is affected by Alzheimer's disease or dementia, it's time to learn the facts.

**Tuesday, November 12, 2019; March 10, 2020**

***Healthy Living for your Brain and Body: Tips from the Latest Research***—Join us to learn about research in the areas of diet and nutrition, exercise, cognitive activity and social engagement and the use of hands-on tool to help you incorporate these recommendations into a plan for healthy aging.

# ***Rural Activation and Innovation Network***



## **RAIN STEM**

**Grants are available for up to \$5,000.**

## **STEM Grants!**

Grants do not cover salaries, utilities or administrative costs, and must be an “extra-curricular”, weekend or summer event and not during the regular school day.

### ***Attention Graham & Greenlee County Teachers and Community STEM Educators:***

**Do you have a GREAT idea for a sustainable STEM activity or event... but need help with funding? The Rural Activation and Innovation Network (RAIN) of Graham & Greenlee County can help!**

**Led by Arizona State University and Arizona Science Center, RAIN (Rural Activation and Innovation Network) is funded by the National Science Foundation to help rural communities in Arizona collaborate on developing locally relevant learning experiences in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). While there are many people in rural areas working on this issue, RAIN aims to bring individuals and organizations together into networks that can share resources and knowledge for learning and outreach.**

**For more information, Grant Application and Scoring Rubric go to: [4azrain.org](http://4azrain.org)**

**[Hover over “Rural Innovation Councils” and Click on “Graham/Greenlee Counties”](#)**

**Please forward your grant awards and we will publish them in this newsletter.**

# United Way of Graham and Greenlee Counties

## Education Grant Opportunities

### **Goal Statement:**

*The United Way of Graham & Greenlee counties recognizes that education 1) happens everywhere, 2) begins at birth and does not stop, and 3) is a collective community endeavor.*

### **Objectives:**

#### ***Improving school readiness for every child***

The United Way will support activities that help prepare children from birth-to-4 years for successful entry into kindergarten.

#### ***Supporting efforts to ensure every student reads at grade level - especially by third grade***

The United Way will support and collaborate with educators, agencies and partners who are working to address grade level reading for all grades.

#### ***Increasing student access to quality transitional programs***

The United Way will support educators, entities and programs that address learning-loss or key transitional periods for students such as after school activities, summer programs and internship opportunities.

#### ***Supporting community and school district efforts with teacher retention and recruitment***

The United Way will support school districts, businesses, governmental agencies and community development organizations to enhance teacher workforce recruitment and retention.

#### ***Providing direct support to teachers in the classroom by helping to cultivate innovative learning environments and approaches***

The United Way will partner with schools and teachers to implement innovative approaches to help address 21<sup>st</sup> Century challenges.

### ***Partnerships:***

The United Way recognizes that community partnerships are essential to achieving these education objectives. Wherever possible, the United Way will seek to strengthen and broaden community partnerships for the purposes of leveraging resources, sharing of knowledge and expertise, and enhancing program impacts.

**Apply Now!**

Visit the United Way website at [www.uwggc.com](http://www.uwggc.com) - Click on "How to Apply"

For assistance with your grant, contact Paulette LeBlanc

[pleblanc@aznex.net](mailto:pleblanc@aznex.net)

## Grant opportunities

### Arts Learning Collaboration Grants

**Apply by 11:59 pm, September 5, 2019**

Arts Learning Collaboration Grants enhance the work of school-based arts teaching and learning programs through collaborative projects taking place in-school, after-school, or during summer/inter-session and in-services in one of the following three categories:

Planning, Professional Development, or  
Student Learning.

[Click here to learn more](#)

### NEA Foundation—Student Achievement Grants

Amount: \$2,000—\$5,000

Who may apply: Public school preK-12 teachers

Deadline: Open

Description: For programs designed to improve the academic achievement of students, for a plan that fosters critical thinking and problem solving in students and aims to expand their comprehension of various subjects; may be used for resource materials, supplies, equipment, transportation and technology.

Link: <https://www.neafoundation.org/for-educators/student-achievement-grants/>

### Education Theatre Foundation—Linda P. Wise Grant for Theatre Educators

Amount: \$2,500 and up

Who may apply: Teachers in school theatre programs

Deadline: Open

Description: To fund programs to enhance productions and technical theatre capacity for performances at a middle or high school.

Link: <https://www.schooltheatre.org/programs/ags/grants>

### The Walmart Foundation—Community Grant Program

Amount: Up to \$5,000 each

Who may apply: Public or private schools, non-profit organizations

Deadline: Rolling basis through December 31, 2019

Description: For project in hunger relief and healthy eating, health and human services, quality of life, education, community and economic development, diversity and inclusion, public safety, and environmental sustainability.

Link: <http://giving.walmart.com/walmart-foundation/community-grant-program>



## **Grant Funding Alerts** *It's never too early to start working on a grant!*

### **Name: Freeport-McMoRan STEM Innovation Grants**

**Who:** K—12 Teachers, school administrators or parent volunteers/PTA officials

**Amount:** Up to \$5,000

**Deadline:** March 15 each year (window: Dec. 1—March 15)

<http://www.freeportinmycommunity.com/schools/stem-grant>

### **Name: Freeport-McMoRan Mini-Grants for Education (Get ready for the next cycle!)**

**Who:** Teachers, school administrators or parent volunteers/PTA officials

**Amount:** \$100-\$500

**Deadline:** October 1, 2019 (window: May 1—Oct.1)

### **Freeport-McMoRan Employee Engagement Programs**

*Employee Matching Gifts Program* - The Freeport-McMoRan Foundation will match employee contributions of \$25 or more, up to an annual maximum of \$40,000. The first \$1,000 contributed per eligible nonprofit organization (including schools) will be double matched and any amount above \$1,000 will be single matched, subject to the annual maximum.

*Employee Volunteer Fund* - Freeport-McMoRan is proud to support employees that give their time and effort to help those in need by offering funds to match unpaid volunteer hours served. When an employee volunteers a minimum of 25 hours a year with a nonprofit organization (including schools), the organization is eligible to earn either a \$250 or \$500 grant.

FM Employees may learn more about both programs and access the link to process their requests by visit this webpage: <https://www.freeportinmycommunity.com/employees/employee-engagement-programs>

**Support My Club** – An e-commerce solution where donors can support the needs of high school clubs and sports. Clubs post their specific needs and donors “shop” for items that speak to them. Items are added to the online cart, donors make a 100% tax-deductible purchase and [Support My Club](#) delivers the item directly to the school!

For every \$100 of value received, the school club completes 1 hour of community service, allowing the receiver to become the giver and the cycle of philanthropy to continue.

### **DonorsChoose.org Makes It Simple to Help Classrooms**

DonorsChoose.org is an online charity that makes it easy for anyone to help students in need. Public school teachers from every corner of America post classroom project requests on this site. Donors can find projects or classrooms that most inspire them and make a donation. When a project reaches its funding goal, DonorsChoose.org ships the materials to the school. You'll get photos of the project, a letter from the teacher, and insight into how every dollar was spent. Give over \$50 and you'll also receive a hand-written thank from the students. If you're a teacher looking for support for a classroom project, just go to Donors

Choose.org and start your own account. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation announced that it will match \$1 million in donations to DonorsChoose.org. Donors need to enter the code JUMPSTART to have their donation matched.

## Grant opportunities

### **AZEdNews Classroom Grants for Arizona Teachers**

Amount: \$200 each

Deadline: Awarded quarterly Sept., Dec., Feb., and April

To reward teachers for programs that enhance classroom learning. Describe how your initiative or program impacts student achievement and how it reflects the priorities of the governing board and district.  
<https://azednews.com/apply-for-an-azednews-classroom-grant/>

### **Saxena Foundation STEM Grants**

Who: All K-12 schools, non-profits

Amount: \$5,000 and up

Deadline: Awarded year-round

For initiatives that promote STEM education and the empowerment of girls, female children, and young women so that they have equal rights later in life. The foundation focuses on empowerment programs to include economic, educational, and political empowerment of women through literacy programs, jobs, and life-skills training. <http://saxenafoundation.com/guidelines/>

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### **Monsanto Fund First Robotics Grant**

Who: K-12 Schools

Amount: Up to \$6,000 each

Deadline: Opens August 15, 2019—Sept. 15, 2019

Support to student robotics teams competing in activities affiliated with STEM For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST), dedicated to inspiring students to become science and technology leaders. May be used for the following FIRST team activities: robotics grades 9-12; technology challenges in grades 7-12; LEGO Leagues in grade 4-8; and LEGO Leagues Junior for children aged 6-10. Priority is given to teams that demonstrate diversity to maximize impact, such as female-led teams, gender or racially diverse teams, and economically diverse teams.

<http://www.monsantofund.org/grants/first-robotics/>

## Grant opportunities

### **Bridgestone Americans Trust Fund—Education, Youth and Development Grants**

Who: All schools, non-profit organizations

Amount: Open

Deadline: Year round

Grants in the areas of education, child development and welfare, and the environment and conservation. Include expanding K-12 music education and promoting professional development for music teachers; hands-on botanical and art museum experiences for children who are underserved; and employment and leadership support for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

<https://www.bridgestoneamericas.com/en/corporate-social-responsibility/community>

### **Verizon Foundation Education Grants**

Who: Public and charter PreK—12 schools, non-profit organizations

Amount: Open

Deadline: Year round

Supports STEM education activities such as summer or after-school programs, teacher training, and research on improving learning in STEM areas through use of technology.

<https://www.verizon.com/about/responsibility/grant-requirements>

### **Lockhee Martin Corporation—STEM Education Outreach**

Who: Public and charter PreK-12 schools, colleges, non-profit organizations

Amount: Open

Deadline: Year round

To support STEM education outreach activities for K-grade 16 students programs, events, and campaigns that focus on student achievement, teacher development, and gender and ethnic diversity.

<https://www.lockheedmartin.com/en-us/who-we-are/communities/applying-for-contributions.html>

### **Science Happens Here!**

We had another successful year with the Science Happens Here program. The first semester winners were from Thatcher Elementary—Mrs. Kara Hall's class.

Second semester winner were from Lafe Nelson in Safford—Mr. Eric Branch's class.

Congratulations to everyone who participated. To see more about the program, please follow this link:

<https://www.localfirstazfoundation.org/whats-new/shh-spring-2019>

*Were you there? Plan on joining us again June 1-4, 2020!*

# **Southeast Arizona Teachers' Academy "SEATA"**

**June 3-6, 2019 at Eastern Arizona College**

**The United Way of Graham and Greenlee Counties  
funded us**

**Patti Wren offered the powerful keynote  
EAC President Todd Haynie welcomed everyone  
State Superintendent of Instruction Kathy Hoffman  
offered remarks and met with administrators**

**224 Educators attended**

**57 Master Educators presented**

**136 Sessions were offered**

**Freeport-McMoRan, Inc. sponsored two luncheons at  
The Plank**

**13 Awesome, brave souls entered the  
"Show Us Your Best" SLAM**

**We enjoyed four days of great professional  
development, networking, renewal, and reconnecting  
with our educational family**

**This was the 2019  
Southeast Arizona Teachers' Academy**

**Boom!**

**Mic drop**

**Save the dates: June 1-4, 2020**





State Superintendent of Instruction Kathy Hoffman, SEATA volunteer Kate McEuen, Arizona Department of Education Communications Director and Safford High School Alumnus Richie Taylor, and Donna McGaughey, Graham County School Superintendent



StarLab Planetarium



Morenci educator Jennie Romero



Graham Co. Health Dept.

SEATA offered a wide variety of professional development opportunities, including the StarLab Planetarium, which is seen set up inside the Gherald Hoopes Activity Center Dining Room. Jennie Romero presented a class called “Paw Packs Literacy Backpacks” for preschool educators. The Graham County Health Department—Hank Metzger, Melissa Lunt and Toni Palomino presented a session on basic CPR, Epi Pens, Vaping and other emergency topics. Teachers had opportunities to take a Code.org class, travel to the MGIO telescopes, learn how to integrate social studies and art and much, much more. We had 136 breakout sessions on subjects YOU have asked for! We are already planning our 2020 event, so save the dates—June 1-4, 2020.

## **The “Show Us Your Best” SLAM was another fun learning experience with 13 educators teaching new ideas in 3 minutes or less.**



Some of our “Slammers” waiting for the results of the voting.

The 2019 SEATA “Show us Your Best” SLAM winners! Kayla Roderick, Tara Cochran and Allie Wren. They had the whole group up and participating in a “Gonoodle” movement activity. We also learned the following new things from our “Slammers.”

(see below)



1. Jennifer Morales—“Goosechase” online scavenger hunt
2. Stasha Barlow—“Post-it Paragraph Organizer”
3. Jenni Wood—“Apples to Apples” justification activity learned in Julia Salce’s session.
4. Marci Harris—“The Effects of Trauma”
5. Becky Booth—“Screencastify” Recording your lessons
6. Rachel Allred—“SEATA Tidbits” montage of things learned at SEATA
7. Carol Elders—“Flippity” an add-on in Google Sheets
8. Kate McEuen—“Ben’s Bells” kindness program—connection to the keynote address
9. Duane Richins—“Sketchup” online drafting program
10. Rachel Casperson—“5’ x 5’ Grid” for problem solving, movement, etc.
11. Cassie Montoya - “Rewordify” reworks difficult text for readers
12. Wanda Evans—“Photo Circle” quick way to share photos



## *From the Graham County Sheriff's Office....Text a Tip*

"The Text a Tip" program allows a citizen to anonymously submit a crime tip to law enforcement in Graham County. This service was started as a combined effort between the Graham County Substance Abuse Coalition and local law enforcement agencies. It is administered by the Graham County Sheriff's Office Communications Division.

### **How it works:**

- ◆ A citizen can text GRAHAMTIP to 79516 and type the message they want to submit.
- ◆ The message is then sent to the Graham County Sheriff's Office Communications Center.
- ◆ The message is sent anonymously so the dispatcher has no way of knowing who sent it.
- ◆ There is no caller ID on your message.
- ◆ The dispatcher will review the tip information and pass it along to the appropriate agency.
- ◆ It can be used to report drugs, gangs, violence, threats, bullying, vandalism, abuse, illegal dumping, etc.

### **We still encourage those needing to report in-progress emergencies to call 9-1-1.**

Further information about the program can be obtained by contacting Sgt. Scott Howell at 928-792-5404 or [showell@graham.az.gov](mailto:showell@graham.az.gov).

## **Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family**

### **"Healthy Families, Healthy Youth"**

In 2016, Governor Ducey's Office of Youth, Faith and Family started a pilot program to help families avoid with the realities of addiction and the devastating effects on our children. The "Keep Them Safe" program brings 7th graders and their parents together for an evening of education and planning for strategies to face the stressors, risks and pressures presented to our kids on a daily basis. The program started with one school in each county. This year, it has expanded to include 53 districts throughout the state. Based on the early success of the pilot, we believe the program will continue to expand.

Information is available for all families in Arizona, whether they are in the county programs or not.

Please visit **[KeepthemSafe.az.gov](http://KeepthemSafe.az.gov)** to learn more about strategies to keep communication open and to take advantage of "teachable moments" regarding drug abuse and addiction.

Additionally, the following resources are available:

National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, Inc. - [ncadd.org](http://ncadd.org)

National Helpline 1-800-662-HELP (4357)

National Institute on Drug Abuse—[drugabuse.gov](http://drugabuse.gov)

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration—[samhsa.gov](http://samhsa.gov)

Who will help  
me become  
the man  
I want to be?



**When you foster a teen,  
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**[www.TeensNeedYou.org](http://www.TeensNeedYou.org)**



**1.866.329.2312**  
**[www.ArizonasChildren.org](http://www.ArizonasChildren.org)**  
**[FosterTeens@arizonaschildren.org](mailto:FosterTeens@arizonaschildren.org)**

*In collaboration with:*



## Arizona Educational Acronyms Courtesy of the Yavapai County Education Service Agency

### A

AAC- Arizona Administrative Code

AACO – Arizona Association of Counties

AACSS - Arizona Association of County School Superintendents

AASBO – Arizona Association of School Business Officials

ABIL - Arizona Bridge to Independent Living

ADA - Americans with Disabilities Act

ADD - Attention Deficit Disorder

ADE - Arizona Department of Education

ADE/ESS - ADE Exceptional Student Services

ADE/PINS - ADE Parent Information Network Specialists

ADEQ- Arizona Department of Environmental Quality

ADHD – Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder

ADHS - Arizona Department of Health Services

ADL - Activities of Daily Living

ADM- Average Daily Membership

AEA – Arizona Education Association

AESA – Association of Education Service Agencies

AFR – Annual Financial Report

AG- Auditor General or Attorney General

AGO – Attorney General Opinion

Alt. AAG-Alternative (Education), Accountability Advisory Group

AOC – Administrative Office of the Courts (of the Arizona Supreme Court)

APE - Adaptive Physical Education

ARS – Arizona Revised Statutes

ARSA- Arizona Rural Schools Association

ASA – Arizona School Administrators

ASBA- Arizona School Boards Association

ASDB- Arizona School for the Deaf and Blind

ASU - Arizona State University

AT - Assistive Technology

ATRA – Arizona Tax Research Association

AZELLA- Arizona English Language Learner Assessment

AZ-TAP - Arizona Technology Access Program

AZTEA- Arizona Technology in Education Association